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## U. S. MARINES STORMING MASAYA; FOUR KILLED!

### BIG KAHUKU RANCH IS SOLD

Mrs. Thelma Parker Smart Buys Great Property for \$90,000

Mrs. Annie T. K. Parker Smart, owner of the Kahuku Ranch, has had the famous Kahuku Ranch added to her domain. The price is \$90,000. Madame d'Herblay, the sweetheart of the late Colonel Sam Norris in the troubled sixties, has accepted a compromise of her much larger claim against his estate for \$5250, and her suit in the New York courts has been discontinued.

Charles G. Macomber, sole devisee of the Kahuku Ranch under the will of Colonel Norris, has made a satisfactory settlement with the heirs of the Colonel in Denmark. All this news developed this morning. Yesterday the sale of the Kahuku Ranch by Macomber to Alfred W. Carter, trustee of Mrs. Parker Smart, was concluded, and today the deed was ready for recording from the hands of Kinney, Prosser, Anderson & Marx. The same law firm represents the heirs of Colonel Norris. The terms of Macomber's settlement with the heirs of Colonel Norris are private, but that matter and the d'Herblay matter are finally disposed of. Area of 170,000 Acres. There is an area of 170,000 acres in the Kahuku Ranch, which is situated on the slopes of Mauna Loa, the great

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### DETAILS GIVEN OF BURNING OF TOBACCO CROP

Hackfeld & Co. Receive Particulars of the Destructive Fire at Kona

ENTIRE 1911 OUTPUT GOES UP IN SMOKE

Hawaiian Co. Is Loser to the Extent of Over Ten Thousand Pounds

LOSS BY FIRE OF KONA TOBACCO CO.  
Entire 1911 crop.  
7685 pounds of the 1912 crop.  
10,155 pounds of Hawaiian Tobacco Co.'s crop.  
Stock of the cigar company.  
The fermenting house.  
Estimated loss, \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Particulars of the fire in the plant of the Kona Tobacco Company on Wednesday evening last came to H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., in the Mauna Kea's mail this morning. A summary of the disaster is given above. Mr. Rodiek is still unable to give an exact statement of the loss, for the same reason as he gave yesterday, on the meager telegraphed report—namely, that it depends on just what grades of tobacco were in the burned building.

A. R. Gurrey, secretary of the board of underwriters, will act as adjuster for the insurance companies, and go to the scene of the fire to appraise the losses falling upon the insurers. Mr. Rodiek, in answer to a question this morning, expressed the opinion that the loss was probably about as stated above, between \$35,000 and \$40,000, depending on the grades of tobacco that were in the fermenting house.

The officers of the Kona Tobacco Company are: W. R. Castle, president.

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### What Will Secretary Fisher Report?



### Woman Teacher Thrown From Carriage, May Die

Miss Louise Pratt of Maui Seriously Injured While Driving to School

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

WAILUKU, Oct. 4.—Maui seems to be fated in the sad accidents that occur within a few months. Miss Louise Pratt of Paia, was thrown from her carriage while driving to Keahua School yesterday morning.

The accident must have happened some where about half past eight. Miss Pratt left her home in Paia about the usual time to drive to her school situated in the Keahua Camp about six miles from her home. C. E. Copeland, the supervising principal of the district was visiting the school during the morning. Mrs. L. Simpson, the principal, said that Miss Pratt had not arrived, and that she was anxious about her. Mr. Copeland then started out with his machine, thinking that some accident might have happened on the road. He met one

of the lunas of the plantation, and upon inquiry found that Miss Pratt had been picked up unconscious on the roadside some little time before. Dr. McCoukey, the attending physician said after examination that the young lady must have lain unconscious by the roadside for at least an hour. Her back and head were injured also. She was taken to her home by the plantation luna and laborers then available. She is being carefully attended, and no one is allowed to see her. Up until late Friday she has remained in the same condition and it is feared the injuries may prove fatal.

Miss Pratt is well known on Maui. She has always been most popular in Paia, where she lived as a girl. Two years ago she came back from a course of kindergarten study in the States and last year was a very successful kindergarten at the Alexander House Kindergarten in Wailuku, where she was very much liked by all the people whose children came to her. She was also most popular with the townspeople.

### PUBLIC WON'T USE PENNIES AND HAPAI HAS TO MAKE GOOD

Bank Cashiers Also Suffer Financially and Bookkeepers Are Annoyed

That public policy which is opposed to the use of pennies as a medium of exchange in Hawaii and which is adhered to rigidly by the banks and by the Territorial government, costs Henry Hapai, registrar of public accounts, from \$75 to \$100 a year. It makes a discrepancy in his books which he must dig down in his own pockets to correct.

In this far-western outpost of America the relic of that old prejudice against the little copper coin still remains, though it was only a few years ago that throughout the length of the Pacific Coast the nickel was the coin of smallest denomination acceptable, and it is true today that in several Coast cities the penny newspaper is unknown.

But there are tons of pennies in general trade there and the banks and governmental offices will receive them.

Not so in Hawaii however, to the financial misfortune of the public registrar and bank cashiers and to the discomfort of bookkeepers who find

it quite impossible to strike a definitely accurate balance at the close of every day's business.

For instance at the Territorial treasury about \$200,000 is paid out monthly. About \$50,000 to \$40,000 of this is paid in salaries and goes out in round figures. But the remainder goes to pay bills of innumerable varieties which the government incurs, and these invariably are figured out to the cent, usually having some such figure as 62 or 63 cents included.

If the final figure is three cents or more the registrar must pay the full five cents. If it is only one or two cents the cashier keeps the one or two but it is found that in a day's business the extra amount paid out is more than the extra amount kept back, with the result that Hapai's daily report to Treasurer Conkling shows an average discrepancy of about 30 cents.

The same system hold true in the banks of the Territory. In some instances the cashier or tellers may be relieved of the burden of making up the discrepancy from their own pockets, in which case the banks themselves assume the loss, preferring to spend that amount to maintain the public policy and avoid handling the copper change.

### PLANS ARE MADE FOR SILK MILL IN HONOLULU

That negotiations may shortly be begun toward the establishment of a big silk mill in Honolulu is the information that Secretary H. P. Wood of the Chamber of Commerce has received from a letter sent to him by the Leigh Valley Silk Mills, of South Bethlehem, Pa.

Making inquiries for exhaustive information on labor conditions here, particularly with regard to the available supply of Oriental labor, E. J. Lippy of the Leigh Mills has asked Mr. Wood to send him all the data possible on wages for indigenous, Japanese and Chinese help. "We can use employees from fourteen years up," he says in his letter. "The labor in our line of business is light and by no means arduous and readily performed. It also admits of the very best of sanitary conditions. We understand that Oriental help is particularly efficient in that class of work and very readily taught."

"We are taking this matter up in connection with some people from Seattle, Wash., and accurate information on the labor question would be of great aid to us in formulating our plans. We would regard it as a great favor and would be very glad to reciprocate in any way possible if after developments will give us the opportunity."

While the letter does not say anything as to the detailed plans of the mill, the references to Oriental labor make it plain that the mills are thinking of establishing a branch here, as it would be impossible to take the labor to the mainland.

At the present time a great deal of raw silk is taken through Honolulu to the mills of the mainland and even to Europe. Many vessels from the Orient bring silk cargoes through here valued at upwards of a million dollars, and silk trains are rushed from California to the Eastern mills with a right of way over any other kind of freight traffic.

PFOTENHAUER OUT OF DANGER.

"Pfortenhauer out of danger, gradually improving," is the reassuring telegram received this morning by H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., regarding the vice president of the corporation, who sustained a severe operation in Dresden ten days ago.

SUGAR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Beets: 88 analysis 98.7%; parity 4.01 cents. Previous quotation, 98.6%.

### 900 MARINES BATTLE WITH BIG REBEL ARMY

Struggle Began At Daybreak And Is Still On--U. S. Forces Capture One Fort And Are Storming Second, Rebel Leader Killed

[Associated Press Cable]

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 5.—A force of 900 American marines commanded by Rear Admiral W. H. Southernland, is engaged with an overwhelming force of Nicaraguan rebels in a battle which has been raging all day. The American forces advanced to the storming of Masaya, the rebel stronghold near here, at daybreak, and carried the first position with a loss to the Americans of four marines killed and seven wounded. Admiral Southernland is now storming the second position. General Zeladon, the rebel commander, was wounded and captured, afterwards dying of his injuries. Despite the loss of their leader the rebels continue to make a desperate resistance.

The battle today followed a demand made by Admiral Southernland yesterday that Gen. Zeladon vacate his position and retire, or prepare for battle. General Zeladon replied that he would keep his position at all hazards and the marines were then ordered to the attack.

Masaya is one of the rebel strongholds, twenty-five miles southeast of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. It is across like Nicaragua from Granada. Admiral Southernland is attempting to sweep the rebel forces out of their position in the southern part of the republic.

### SOUTHERLAND REPORTS INSURGENT LOSS HEAVY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 5.—Shortly after the battle at Masaya, Rear-Admiral Southernland sent an official report to Washington. He reports that the insurgents suffered a heavy loss in the engagement.

### AMBASSADOR BRYCE GOES UP IN AEROPLANE

MANCHESTER, Mass., Oct. 5.—Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain today made an aeroplane flight, going up in the flyer with Aviator Burgess.

### SIR THOMAS LIPTON TO CHALLENGE U. S. ONCE MORE

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Oct. 5.—Sir Thomas Lipton today called for New York for the purpose of issuing another challenge for a series of yacht races for possession of the America cup, now held by the United States.

### DARING AUTOIST BADLY HURT IN MILWAUKEE CUP RACE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 5.—Caleb Bragg, driving a Fiat car, today won the Grand Prix race of 469 miles, averaging 60½ miles an hour. Ralph DePalma, winner of the Elgin race and one of the greatest drivers living, was seriously injured when his car was ditched. Both of his legs were broken.

### REIGN OF TERROR AT TAMPA; 6 WOMEN ASSASSINATED

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 5.—Eight assassinations, six of which were of women, and twenty-one fires within a period of fourteen days has caused a reign of terror here. The criminal is still uncaught and unidentified.

### AMBASSADOR REID ANNOUNCES WILL RETIRE SOON

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 5.—Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to Great Britain, announced today that he will probably retire at an early date.

### Bulgarians Massacre Many Turks



MAHMOUD SHEKHET PASHA  
Commander-in-chief of the Turkish army engaged against the Balkan confederacy.

CITTINJE, Montenegro, Oct. 5.—The Bulgarian army surprised the Turkish garrison at El Kabel and massacred 800 men. Troops from the several Balkan states in the confederacy are being massed at points of vantage near the frontier.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—Premier Poincare announces that the Great Powers have formed a plan to assure territorial neutrality during the war in the Balkans.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Members of the reserves of the Grecian army to the number of 6400 have engaged passage here to proceed to Greece and take part in the struggle in which their country is involved.

### Waiahole Water Rights Decision Soon, Says Frear

The Boring of a Great Tunnel Through Koolau Range Hinges on Verdict

Definite decision with regard to the license on the Waiahole water rights, which the Oahu Sugar Plantation desires and which, if purchased by that company will result in the boring of the great tunnel through the Koolau mountain range to carry the stream from the windward to the leeward side of this island for irrigating purposes, will be reached by the administration within the next few days.

This is the announcement made today by Governor Frear. The complicated questions of ownership of these rights, the manner of their control and charges to be assessed have held the enormous irrigation project in check for many months. The final solution of these perplexing problems will hasten the agricultural development of the thousands of acres of arid lands on this side of Oahu and mean no small addition to the prosperity of the country.

Three times the disposal of the Waiahole water rights to the Oahu

Sugar Company by the Territory has been delayed by the technical legal questions involved. The Oahu plantation, which owns practically all the available land within reach of the projected tunnel ditch from the windward side, is the only concern that can use the water. When negotiations were first opened for its acquisition L. L. McCandless appeared as claimant of part of the water right, through title to some lands held by him on the windward side in the region of the water source. It now appears that this has been disposed of.

Another question that arose was the matter of placing a charge on the use of the water. The Governor finally recommended that a flat rate per annum or month be assessed instead of a charge per million cubic feet. It is now understood that the board of land commissioners has adopted this suggestion.

### ONE BARREL TO THE LOAF.

When A. B. Seelig, of Winsted, Conn., requested a barrel of flour as a wedding present, his friends brought it to him in the shape of a rye loaf eight feet long and weighing 100 pounds.

### DEMOCRATS GETTING CORNER ON AUTOS FOR ELECTION DAY

Sad Experience of Two Years Ago Will Not Be Repeated, Say Bourbons

Mindful of the proverb concerning the early bird getting the worm, Democratic campaign leaders have quietly started in to grab all the available automobiles for election day, and unless the Republicans get busy, there will be a "corner" in transportation on November 5.

Two years ago the Republicans hired all the autos and most of the hacks and when the Democratic runners rose bright and early on election morn and prepared to give their stanch supporters a free ride to the voting booth, there was nothing to give them a ride in except a wheelbarrow or an express wagon. The Democrats always claimed that this lack of transportation cost them the election of at least one man, Lester Petrie, to the Board of Supervisors.

Something like twenty-four machines have been staked out with a Democratic sign on them for election day this year.

Two years ago the Democrats were poverty-stricken in the extreme. Now there seems to be considerable activity in the campaign fund line and a corresponding rise in the tide of hope among the Bourbons.

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